

Nutrition Services Department of State Health Services

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Eligibility for Immunizations

Purpose

To improve immunization status of WIC participants and their siblings to reduce incidence of childhood vaccine preventable diseases.

Authority

Texas Vaccines For Children (TVFC) Eligibility; 25 TAC §31.24

Policy

Immunizations shall be provided to qualified WIC applicants/participants in contracted WIC clinics in conjunction with scheduled WIC services and in accordance with TDH Immunization Program guidelines, policies, and procedures.

Procedures

- I. At the time of initial WIC application/certification, a TVFC eligibility screening form shall be completed on each child in the applicant/client family. The original copy of these documents shall be maintained in the client record.
- II. At the time of each WIC clinic visit, each child's immunization records shall be screened/reviewed to determine immunization status and appropriate immunizations needed.
- III. Applicants and their children may receive immunizations at the time of screening for WIC regardless of their ultimate WIC eligibility.
- IV. If WIC parents/guardians bring siblings with their immunization records and who are not currently enrolled in WIC, a TVFC eligibility

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screening form shall be completed and then the child's immunization records shall also be reviewed and immunizations offered.

- V. If immunizations are given to any WIC applicant or non-WIC sibling and if that WIC applicant or non-WIC sibling is on Medicaid, their Medicaid ID number shall be entered on an encounter form. Encounter forms shall be submitted to the WIC state agency (SA) by the end of each month's reporting process, in order for the SA to request reimbursement on Medicaid clients.